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SUBJ: ARS ROME LABORATORY PROGRAM

REF: A) ROME 0512, B) STATE 356556, C) ROME 4492

1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN EXPRESSED IN PARA 2, REF C  
THAT THE PROJECT OF THE ROME ENTOMOOLOGY LABORATORY ON  
BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF POPPY COULD BE THE CASE OF  
EMBARRASSMENT TO GOI. THIS CONCERN WAS THE BASIS FOR  
APPROVAL CONVEYED IN REF B TO BRIEF GOI OFFICIALS ON  
FULL NATURE OF PROGRAM AS WELL AS DRAFT STATEMENT IN  
CASE QUESTIONS ASKED BY PRESS.

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2. IN PARA 3, REF C, THE PRIORITY STANDING AND CHANCES FOR SUCCESS OF SUBJECT PROGRAM ARE QUESTIONED. WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE ROME LABORATORY PROJECT CONTINUES TO BE A KEY SEGMENT OF USDA OVERALL PROGRAM OF RESEARCH ON BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF NARCOTICS PLANTS. THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM CANNOT BE PREDICTED BUT IN THE COMBINED OPINION OF ARS SCIENTISTS AND THE R & D SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CCINC IT HAS SUFFICIENT POTENTIAL TO WARRANT A HIGH PRIORITY EFFORT.

3. YOUR PROPOSALS IN PARA 4, REF C, HAVE BEEN GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. WE PROPOSE TO REQUEST THAT THE UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS FORMALLY ACCEPT THE ROME LABORATORY PROJECT AS A CONTRIBUTING PROJECT TO THE UN/CIBC BIOLOGICAL CONTROL RESEARCH PROGRAM. IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT, WHICH WOULD FORMALIZE THE EXISTING WORKING RELATIONSHIP, WOULD NOT RESTRICT US CONTROL OVER THE RESEARCH PROJECT AND THE CAPABILITIES IT MIGHT DEVELOP.

4. REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE. SUBJECT YOUR CONCURRENCE, USDA WILL, IN COORDINATION WITH MISSION GENEVA, SEEK TO FORMALIZE SUCH A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH UN SO THAT ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MADE AT INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF WEEDS TO BE HELD AT MONTPELIER, FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 12-13, 1973. ROGERS

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